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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): H. SUTOU  
Serial No.: 09/492,079  
Filed: January 27, 2000  
For: DATA TRANSFER METHOD, APPARATUS, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM FOR USE IN HIERARCHICAL SYSTEM  
Group: ~~2756~~ 2157  
Examiner: WEN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 8,

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 19 and 20 as follows:

Claim 3, line 2, delete "still".

Claim 4, line 8, delete "storing" insert --inserting--.

Claim 7, line 3, delete "that" insert --whether--; same